



Godly Play Introductory Workshop

2 April 2016

8:30 am – 4 pm

Christ Church Cathedral

Polokwane

Cost: R 100 (Tea and lunch included)

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What is Godly Play?

There are lots of things you can learn from books or a lecture, but Godly Play needs to be experienced with heart and mind.

This Montessori-based story-telling approach is quite different from the traditional model in which the teacher tells the children what they need to know. Godly Play is *not* just about learning lessons or keeping children entertained. Godly Play respects the innate spirituality of children and encourages curiosity and imagination in experiencing the mystery and joy of God. Godly Play teaches children the art of using Christian language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - helping them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

At this workshop you will:

- Hear the 3 genres of Godly Play stories
- Hear about the philosophy which guides Godly Play
 - Learn about the spirituality of the child
- Learn about the roles of the adults in the GP room
 - Find out about creating the story materials
 - Have an opportunity to work with a story
- Be empowered to start using GP in your church

Some of the wooden story materials will be on sale.

Trainers

Joan Truby: Godly Play South Africa co-ordinator and trainer. First heard a Godly Play story in 2004 and immediately knew that this was the direction she wanted to take for herself and for children's church.

Stan Truby: Godly Play South Africa trainer and Godly Play SA resources co-ordinator. He spent many years lovingly making materials and, as a result, couldn't help becoming first a story-teller, then a trainer.